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NGOs criticize federal agencies' draft study finding hydraulic fracturing can be done offshore without significant environmental impacts. In comments, the Center for Biological Diversity and Environmental Defense Center criticized a draft programmatic environmental assessment by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) of hydraulic fracturing on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf. The groups had sued the Interior Department, claiming it had approved permits allowing offshore hydraulic fracturing without performing the review required by the National Environmental Policy Act. BOEM and BSEE resolved the suit by agreeing to halt new approvals for hydraulic fracturing and conduct an environmental review. The agencies' draft assessment finds that using hydraulic fracturing at 22 rigs off the coast of Southern California would present no significant impact. The groups' comments asserted that hydraulic fracturing would use chemicals that could not be adequately studied and would extend the lives of oil platforms that would otherwise shut down. The agencies expect to issue a final assessment in May.

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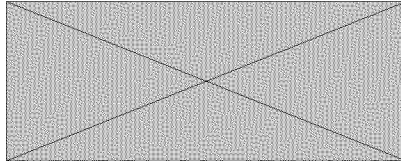
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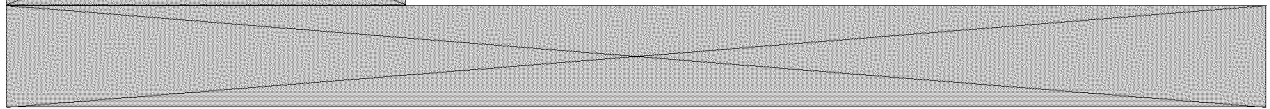
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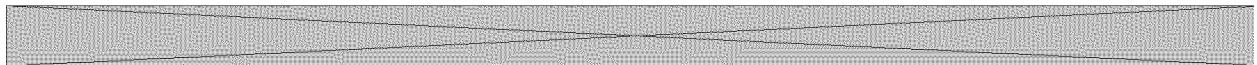
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This week in hydraulic fracturing:

-  The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued its final rule on silica.
-  The U.S. and NGO appellants filed opening briefs in their appeal of stay of Bureau of Land Management's rule governing hydraulic fracturing on federal and tribal lands.
-  NGOs criticized federal agencies' draft environmental assessment supporting offshore drilling using hydraulic fracturing.
-  The Pennsylvania Independent Petroleum Producers Association challenged Pennsylvania's new oil and gas drilling regulations.
-  The Colorado House approved a bill that would establish earthquake liability for oil and gas drillers.
-  Two men could face a prison sentence for selling water reserved for agriculture to a hydraulic fracturing company.
-  An Energy Information Administration drilling report predicted a decrease in oil production in 2016 and 2017.

- The environmental group Center for Western Priorities issued a report on oil- and gas-related spills in Colorado.

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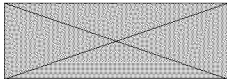
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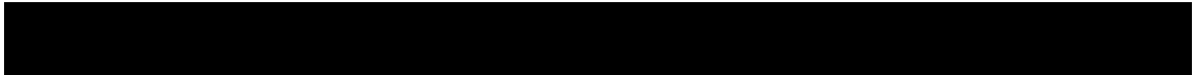
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